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Governor Branstad Proclaims November Native American Month *November 27 Proclaimed Iowa Native American Veterans Day*

DES MOINES – Governor Terry E. Branstad is honoring Iowa's Native Americans and recognizing their service to the nation's Armed Forces. He signed a proclamation declaring November as Native American Month in Iowa. He also proclaimed November 27 as Iowa Native American Veterans Day.

The proclamation reads, in part:

WHEREAS, Native Americans have volunteered to serve in the United States Armed Forces and have served with valor in all of the nation's military actions from the Revolutionary War through the present day, and in most of these actions, more Native Americans per capita served in the Armed Forces including and in recognition of our POW, MIA, and Code Talker brothers and sisters;

The proclamation goes on to say that public elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to enhance student understanding of Native Americans by providing classroom instruction focusing on accurate history, achievements and contributions.

It concludes by noting the recognition will encourage self-esteem, pride, and self-awareness in Native Americans of all ages.

This month Governor Branstad is also proudly displaying the flag of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Native Americans in his office. The Commission and the Office on the Status of Native Americans, within the Iowa Department of Human Rights, are tasked with removing barriers for Iowa's Native Americans. Iowans wishing to learn more should contact Jill Avery at 515-242-6334 or jill.avery@iowa.gov.

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